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DECLARATION OF NON-ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 17(2)(a), Rules 13ter.1(c) and 39)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 63257	IMPORTANT DECLARATION	Date of mailing (day/month/year) 19/01/2006
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Applicant THALES		


This International Searching Authority hereby declares, according to Article 17(2)(a), that no international search report will be established on the international application for the reasons indicated below.

1. ☐ The subject matter of the international application relates to:
 - a. ☐ scientific theories.
 - b. ☐ mathematical theories.
 - c. ☐ plant varieties.
 - d. ☐ animal varieties.
 - e. ☐ essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, other than microbiological processes and the products of such processes.
 - f. ☐ schemes, rules or methods of doing business.
 - g. ☐ schemes, rules or methods of performing purely mental acts.
 - h. ☐ schemes, rules or methods of playing games.
 - i. ☐ methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy.
 - j. ☐ methods for treatment of the animal body by surgery or therapy.
 - k. ☐ diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body.
 - l. ☐ mere presentations of information.
 - m. ☐ computer programs for which this International Searching Authority is not equipped to search prior art.
2. ☒ The failure of the following parts of the international application to comply with prescribed requirements prevents a meaningful search from being carried out:

☐ the description
☒ the claims
☐ the drawings
3. ☐ The failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions prevents a meaningful search from being carried out:

☐ the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.
 ☐ the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

4. Further comments:

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The claims of the application do not meet the requirements of PCT Article 6 and PCT Rule 6.3(a) because the subject matter for which protection is sought is not defined.

In particular, the claims relate to a method for generating C code and other related files from UML specifications, using for this purpose the tool < Model In Action >.

However, the claims are too general and vague and do not go beyond a simple enumeration of the functionalities, without mentioning the technical means and the correlation thereof that ultimately leads to the claimed effect.

Consequently, the claims are worded in such a way that the subject matter thereof is defined in terms of the result to be achieved, without providing the technical devices required to achieve said subject matter.

Furthermore, the description does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 5, since it does not disclose in a sufficiently clear and complete manner the manner in which the above-mentioned generation should be executed.

Consequently, the examiner is unable to identify any feature in respect of which a significant search can be carried out (PCT Article 17(2)(a)).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (PCT Rule 66.1(e)). The applicant is advised that it is not normally the policy of the EPO in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority to carry out a preliminary examination for subject matter that has not been searched. This applies whether or not the claims were amended after receipt of the search report or in the course of the procedure under PCT Chapter II. The applicant is reminded that if the application proceeds to the regional phase before the EPO an additional search may be carried out in the course of the examination carried out by the EPO (cf. EPO Guidelines, Part C, VI, 8.5) on the condition that the problems which led to the declaration under PCT Article 17(2) have been resolved.